framing a comprehensive policy in consultation with local bodies to deal with the subject.

Conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold

2349. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Conversion to freehold now possible as DDA lifts ban", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 16th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the new scheme announced by Government for conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold; and

(c) the rates of land in different zones in the National Capital Territory of Delhi approved by Government and the effective date of the revised land rates in NCT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme of conversion of leasehold system of land tenure in Delhi into freehold as announced by the Government in 1992 was extended from time to time upto 31.3.2002. Thereafter, the conversion of residential properties from leasehold to freehold was to be allowed on payment of conversion charges to be calculated on the basis of current market rates.

Pending revision of market rates, the Delhi Development Authority has taken an interim decision to invite applications for conversion of residential properties from leasehold to freehold on the market rates notified by the Government of India for the 2-year block 1998-2000 which works out to 2.31

times of the rates as were applicable upto 31.3.2000. The conversion charges prescribed by the DDA are provisional subject to notification of final rates by the Government.

(c) The Delhi Development Authority have reported that for the purpose of calculation of conversion charges, the land rates as notified by the Government for the 2-year block 1998—2000 have been adopted provisionally subject to finanlisation of the rates by the Government.

E-learning project for urban local bodies

2350. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch E-learning project for promoting capacity building in the area of urban governance in urban local bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of urban local bodies selected from Orissa for the purpose; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No such proposal has been finalized as yet.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise in view of reply to part (a)